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Certification requirements for beef and pork casing have been updated. StarLink free and Bt 10 free certification required for U.S. origin corn imports have been removed.

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This report was prepared by the Office of Agricultural Affairs of the USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service in Seoul, Korea for U.S. exporters of domestic food and agricultural products. While every possible care was taken in the preparation of this report, information provided may not be completely accurate either because policies have changed since its preparation, or because clear and consistent information about these policies was not available. It is highly recommended that U.S. exporters verify the full set of import requirements with their foreign customers, who are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities, before any goods are shipped. FINAL IMPORT APPROVAL OF ANY PRODUCT IS SUBJECT TO THE IMPORTING COUNTRY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS AS INTERPRETED BY BORDER OFFICIALS AT THE TIME OF PRODUCT ENTRY.

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This report provides export certificates for various agricultural products required by the Korean government for import inspection. U.S. exporters are strongly encouraged to consult with the relevant U.S. authorities prior to export about the eligibility of products and export requirements imposed by the Korean government.

#### SECTION I. LIST OF EXPORT CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY KOREA

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry*
Beef and beef products	FSIS Form 9060-5 and 9305-7 (issued by USDA/FSIS)	Refer to SECTION III	Health certificate	NVRQS/MIFAFF
Pork	FSIS Form 9060-5 and 9305-5 (issued by USDA/FSIS)	None	Health certificate	NVRQS/MIFAFF
Poultry	FSIS Form 9060-5 and 9305-2A (issued by USDA/FSIS)	None	Health certificate	NVRQS/MIFAFF
Egg products	PY-200 (issued by USDA/APHIS)	Attestation to detailed pasteurization treatment:  55° C for a minimum of 15 min; or,  60° C for a minimum of 5 minutes; or,  64° C for a minimum of 4.5 minute.	Health certificate	NVRQS/MIFAFF
Dairy products	Export Certificate (issued by exporting government) or manufacturer self-declaration	"Products have been pasteurized for 15 seconds at 72C or longer."	Export certificate	NVRQS/MIFAFF
Pork casing	FSIS Form 9060-7 and 9305-5 (issued by USDA/FSIS)	Only pork casings from animals slaughtered and processed in the United States are eligible for export to Korea. Refer to SECTION III for details.	Health certificate	NVRQS/MIFAFF
Protein-free tallow	FSIS Form 9060-5 (issued by USDA/FSIS)	"Certified materials have been tested, and found to have a level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% or less."	Health certificate	NVRQS/MIFAFF

Live animal	Health Certificate (issued by USDA/APHIS)	Attestation required on certificate varies depending on species.	Health certificate	NVRQS/ MIFAFF
Fresh vegetable, grains, fruits, nuts	PPQ Form 577 (issued by USDA/APHIS)	Attestation required on certificate varies depending on products.	Phytosanitary certificate	NPQS/ MIFAFF
Frozen vegetables and fruits	Form FV-146CS (issued by USDA/AMS) or PPQ Form 578 (issued by USDA/APHIS)	"Products have been frozen at -17.8C or below."	Certificate of Quality & Condition or Export Certificate	NPQS/ MIFAFF
Organic products except livestock products and feed	Organic certificate (issued by USDA/AMS Accredited Certifying Agents)**	No attestation required but certificate must include: (a) Name, address, and phone number of the certifying agent  (b) A list of the types of organic food the operation is certified by the certifying agent to produce or process  (c) The company name, address, and effective date (or renewal date) of the certification	Certificate to confirm eligibility of organic producer or manufacturer	KFDA
Rice	Non GMO Certificate (issued by OMIC USA & laboratory participating in USDA/GIPSA's Proficiency Program)	Attestation to no detection of GM rice	Test certificate to prove no presence of GM rice	MIFAFF
Non-GMO bulk shipment	Full IP Documentation (issued by private entities) or Non-GMO Certificate (issued by exporting government)	Attestation to identity preserved (IP) handling of bulk grains	Certificate to prove IP handling of bulk grains from seed to final export	MIFAFF
Non-GMO processed products	Full IP Documentation (issued by	Attestation to identity preserved (IP) handling of raw materials from seed	Certificate or statement	KFDA

***	private entities), Non-GMO Certificate (issued by exporting government), or Notarized Self Declaration (by manufacturer)	purchasing to manufacturing	to provide IP handling of raw materials used in processed products	
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\*MIFAFF: Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries

\*NVRQS: National Veterinary Research & Quarantine Service

\*NPQS: National Plant Quarantine Service

\*KFDA: Korea Food & Drug Administration

\*USDA: U.S. Department of Agriculture

\*AMS: Agricultural Marketing Service

\*FSIS: Food Safety Inspection Service

\*GIPSA: Grain, Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration

\*APHIS: Animal Plant Health Inspection Service

\*PPQ: Plant Protection & Quarantine

\*VS: Veterinary Service

\*\* Korea may change this requirement in 2009 as MIFAFF is working on enforcement of mandatory organic certification program for processed food products in 2009. For more information, please refer to [KS8037](#). Post will provide any updates on this matter once it becomes available.

\*\*\* KFDA may change documentation requirements for non-GMO processed products according to the pending revision of the current biotech labeling standards for processed products. Post will provide any updated on this matter once it becomes available.

## SECTION II. PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC EXPORT CERTIFICATES

Please refer to Section I.

## SECTION III. SPECIFIC ATTESTATION REQUIRED ON EXPORT CERTIFICATES

Please refer to Section I. A sample of export certificate is provided in Appendix.

Eligible beef and beef products, including bone-in beef, deboned beef, offals, and variety meats must be produced under an approved AMS Export Verification (EV) program for beef to Korea and a voluntary Quality System Assessment (QSA) program for a Less than 30-Month Age verification for Korea. Beef and beef products derived from cattle imported from Canada that are not fed in the United States for over 100 days, derived from third country imports, and processed beef products are ineligible. See the following link for details.

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations\\_&\\_policies/Republic\\_of\\_Korea\\_Requirements/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/Republic_of_Korea_Requirements/index.asp)

Information about the EV program for Korea and a list of USDA approved establishments can be obtained from [the AMS' Web site](#).

For the QSA program, Korean beef importers and U.S. exporters have reached a commercial understanding that, as a transitional measure, only U.S. beef from cattle less than 30-months of age will be shipped to Korea. AMS has set up a voluntary QSA program to verify that beef from participating plants will be from cattle less than 30 months of age. Exporting establishments that want to export beef and beef products to Korea need to participate in the AMS QSA program that verifies that the beef being certified is from cattle less than 30 months of age. For establishments that participate in the AMS QSA program, the following statement must be made in the Remarks section on the FSIS Form 9060-5: "The beef or beef products were produced at a verified establishment under the USDA Less than 30 Month Age Verification USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program for Korea." Eligible beef and beef products must be derived from animals slaughtered on or after the QSA program approval date of the slaughter establishment. A list of QSA approved establishments can be obtained from [the AMS Web site](#).

As for the export of pork casings, the following information must be entered in the appropriate blocks of FSIS Form 9305-5: the name, address, and establishment number of the casing processing plant or the slaughter plant (if shipped directly) and the date of processing for processing plants and date of slaughter for slaughter plants. Only pork casings from animals slaughtered and processed in the United States are eligible for export to Korea.

#### **SECTION IV. GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

The original certificate is required for all products listed above at the time of entry with a couple of exceptions. As for organic certificates and IP documentation for non-GMO products, a copy of the original certificate is acceptable.

In most situations, one certificate applies to one shipment thus it is not accepted to use the one certificate for multiple shipments. However, as for IP documentation for non-GMO products, one certificate can apply to multiple shipments if the one certificate covers more than one shipment (e.g. One IP documentation for soybeans produced for one year and those soybeans are divided and imported in multiple shipments.)

In cases where a government issued certificate is required, any government entity (including city/municipal, state, federal) can issue certificates unless specified otherwise. As for health certificate, certificates should be issued by federal quarantine authorities.

#### **SECTION V. OTHER CERTIFICATE/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS**

The "issuance date" of both health and phytosanitary certificates shall be prior to the "on-board date" listed on the Bill of Lading. The "inspection date" on a certificate must be prior to the departure date. To prevent unnecessary delay at the port of entry, the certificate "issuance date" should be prior to the departure date of shipments.

**APPENDIX. ELECTRONIC COPY OR OUTLINE OF EACH EXPORT CERTIFICATE**

## 1. FSIS certificates

Please refer to the below website for details including certificate samples.

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations & Policies/Republic of Korea Requirements/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations%20&%20Policies/Republic_of_Korea_Requirements/index.asp)

## 2. APHIS Certificate

## A. Plant Certificate

Please refer to the below website for details about plant certificate requirements.

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/plants/plant\\_exports/export\\_certificates\\_forms.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/export_certificates_forms.shtml)

PPQ Form 577 can be viewed at the below website:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/plants/plant\\_exports/downloads/ppq577.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/downloads/ppq577.pdf)

## B. Animal Certificates

Please refer to the below website for details about animal certificate requirements.

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/animals/animal\\_exports.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_exports.shtml)

Korean requirements of live animal exports can be found at:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/animal\\_korea.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/animal_korea.shtml)

## 3. Sample of Notarized Self Declaration for Non-GMO Processed Food Products

[DATE]	
To:     [X] Customer [Address], Korea	[Exporter] [Address], USA
To Whom It May Concern:	
<p>I hereby certify that the following product(s) [product name(s)] is (are) made by [company name] at its manufacturing facility in [city, state] using [name of ingredient] sourced from non-GM varieties with identity preserved (IP) systems. The crop(s) for [name of ingredient] were grown and managed with appropriate agricultural practices to maintain the integrity of the non-GM varieties from seed purchasing to manufacturing. The [name of ingredient(s)] supplier certifies that these ingredients are sourced from IP, non-GM varieties. Our manufacturing operation segregates this [name of ingredient(s)] to maintain its integrity.</p> <p>This certificate covers the period between [date] and [date]. [List name of products as per attached invoice(s) [number(s)] and other identifying information considered relevant by the certifier].</p> <p>I certify that the information submitted above is true and the above product complies with the Korean Government requirements that the level of accidental mixing of GM varieties in the raw ingredient used in the product is below the 3-percent threshold. Full documentation of identity preservation is available upon request after notification to our company of the GM ingredient(s) that have been detected in our product(s).</p>	
Sincerely,	
[Name] [Title] [Company name]	
State of [Name] [City]	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this [day] of [month, year] [Expiration Date of the Commission] [Signature of Notary Public] [SEAL]	